

# WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

## 2020 REGULAR SESSION

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 4907**

**FISCAL  
NOTE**

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[Introduced February 11, 2020; Referred to the  
Committee on Veterans' Affairs and Homeland  
Security then Finance]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article,  
 2 designated §9A-5-1, relating to granting members of a Gold Star Family a 100 percent  
 3 tuition waiver to attend any West Virginia state college, university, community and  
 4 technical college, education institution, vocational school and approved apprenticeship  
 5 program; and providing that the waiver funds may be used for other expenses if certain  
 6 conditions are met.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 5. GOLD STAR TUITION WAIVERS.**

**§9A-5-1. Tuition waivers for Gold Star Families.**

1 (a) The parents, siblings, children, and the nieces and nephews of fallen service members  
 2 who did not have children of a Gold Star Family shall receive a 100 percent tuition waiver to attend  
 3 any West Virginia state college, university, community and technical college, education institution,  
 4 vocational school and approved apprenticeship program. If the individual receives any additional  
 5 grants, funds or waivers from those institutions or programs, the federal government, or state  
 6 provides, the waiver funds may be used to cover any additional administrative fees associated  
 7 with attending those institutions or programs, including housing, books, parking and fees of any  
 8 type.

9 (b) For the purposes of this section, "Gold Star Family" is the immediate family member(s)  
 10 of a fallen service member who died while serving in a time of conflict.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to grant members of a Gold Star Family a 100 percent tuition waiver to attend any West Virginia state college, university, community and technical college, education institution, vocational school and approved apprenticeship program. The bill provides that the waiver funds may be used for other expenses if certain conditions are met.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.